

***TOWN OF NEWFIELDS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2007***

The meeting was called to order at 6:41pm. Selectmen present were: Wes Moore and Michael Woodworth (James McIlroy is out of town on business). Others present were: Police Chief Reed and Lt. Gould.

Chief Reed asked about the status of the Disability Insurance coverage. Wes reported that he spoke with the labor law attorney and was advised that the Selectmen set the eligibility requirements for coverage. Usually this type of coverage is offered to full-time employees only. The Local Government Center has not provided prices for coverage for the Town Office employees and no decision can be made until this information is received and reviewed by those employees.

Chief Reed reports that ten people have signed up for the physical fitness test which will be held this weekend. This is the first step in the hiring process for part-time police officers. If a candidate is already certified to be a part-time officer, he/she will be given preference over an uncertified candidate in order to save the Town training costs. The Chief will report back next week with the results of the physical fitness test.

There is an article in today's Exeter Newsletter about the Newfields Library youngsters and Officer Steve McAulay. A photograph was also included of the youngsters and Officer McAulay carving pumpkins.

Chief Reed would like the Selectmen to ask Verizon Wireless to provide free wireless computer cards for fire, emergency management, and police vehicles in Newfields in exchange for permission to extend the cell tower height. Chief Reed feels that using a computer for communication is faster than using a radio. He believes that Newmarket and Stratham may also opt for this coverage for their departments.

Wes made a motion to accept the Jones Brothers Insulation proposal of \$180.00 to install a gutter system above the new handicap ramp at the Town Hall. Michael seconded the motion and the motion passed with both in favor.

Checks were signed.

An Application For Current Use for Paul and Barbara Watson was approved and signed.

Two Town Hall Rental Agreements were approved and signed.

Tom Adams and his business partner looked at the inside of the old Post Office Building today to see if it would meet their needs. Tom will get in touch with Wes Moore to discuss their findings and Wes will report back to the rest of the Board of Selectmen.

Correspondence from the State of New Hampshire regarding an Environmental Review of State Revolving Fund Project for: the Newfields Village Water and Sewer District was reviewed. This is in regard to the proposed #7 well located off of Bassett Lane.

Mitchell & Bates Professional Associate advises that the court has granted the motion to consolidate the two Verizon New England, Inc. v. Town of Newfields cases into one proceeding. The case has been put on hold until the Verizon v. City of Rochester litigation is concluded.

An offer of Mediation was received in the Hanscom v. Town of Newfields lawsuit. Wes made a motion to send the Town Counsel to the mediation session. Michael seconded the motion and the motion passed with both in favor. Nancy Spencer will notify Fran Lane of this decision.

Nancy advised that Tom Morgan came into the Town Office last week to sign his appointment and take the Oath of Office as a Trustee of the Trust Funds.

The Planning Board approved the extension of the cell tower to 130 feet at their last meeting. The discussion was tabled until next week's meeting when the full board will be in session. In the meantime, Nancy was asked to contact the attorney for Verizon Wireless advising that we need a letter from Tower Ventures stating that their name has changed or that they have sold their interest to Light Tower, LLC.

Wes reported that the Exeter Newsletter will send a reporter to the Public Hearing at the Newfields Town Hall on November 6th, 2007 to discuss mosquito control in 2008.

Wes made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 16th, 2007 meeting as amended. Michael seconded the motion and the motion passed with both in favor.

The Warrant of Rockingham County Treasurer was reviewed.

Notification was received from the Barrington Zoning Board of Adjustment that an extension to the cell tower located in their town was approved.

Wes made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40pm. The motion was seconded by Michael and the motion passed with both in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Spencer
Administrative Assistant